The Kingis Maiesteis Proclamatioun beiring the

verie occasioun of the present incūming of the Inglis forces, with his hienes commandement for thair gude Intreatment and freindly vsage.

IAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis, To our Louittis William Bryson Malar, Messingeris our Schireffis in that part cōiunctly and seuerallie speciallie cōstitute greting. Forsamekle as it is not vnknawin to all the gude subiectis of this our Realme, quhat greit gude will and freindschip our deirest sister the Quene of Ingland (being Princesse in the warld neirest to vs baith be blude and habitatioun) hes declarit not onlie towartis vs and the preseruatioū of our Innocent persoun euer sen our birth, Bot als quhat cair, trauellis, and charges our said deirest sister hes takin, borne, and sustenit for the saiftie and preseruatioun of this our Realme in the auld ancient libertie, far aboue the custome of ony hir predecessouris. For it is not to be forgottin bot thankfullie to be remēberit how euin with the beginning of hir Regne (werr thā stāding betuix thir twa realmes) first of all a godlie peace was maid and concludit, quhilk to this time hes happely continewit to the pleasure of God and greit commoditie of this countrie. As alswa how schortlie thairefter this our Realme being in danger of the Frenche conquest, and Christiane Religioun thairin likly to haue bene vtterly suppressit, be our said deirest sisteris forces and ayd send to the assege of Leyth the strangeris wir expellit and the stait of Religioun and libertie of the coūtrie preseruit, in the quilk actioun neither hir treasure nor the blude and lyfis of hir pepil wer spairit. The lyke cair weil appeirit in hir quhen be hir forces direct in this our Realme in the Moneth of Maij, the zeir of God ane thousand fyue hundreth thre scoir and ten zeiris, the conspiratouris quilkis pretendit our depositioun from our Royall Crowne and to erect ane vther authoritie, wer prosligat & disapointit, and our Castel of Glasgow than assegit be thame succourit & releuit. Our said deirest sister neuer taking or occupying ony strenth, hald, or fute of ground in Scotlād, bot that quhilk scho hes bene alwayes willing to rander to the awneris, vpō na vther conditioū saulfing thair returning to our obedience & suretie for continewance thairat. And sen that tyme it is weill knawin quhat trauellis and cair scho hes takin be hir Imbassadouris letteris and Messages to haue our haill Realme quietit to our obediēce. Quhairin hir labouris and mediatioun hes at Goddis pleasure takin gude successe, our haill Realme in effect being reducit to the acknawledgeing of our Authoritie, and in the place of the lang ciuile & intestine weir, gude peace restorit ouer all the countrie: our Castell of Edinburgh only exceptit. Quhilk being put in the trust & custodie of Williame Kirkcaldy sumtyme of Grange Knicht to our vse & behufe be vmquhyle our deirest Cousing James Erle of Murray our Regent for the tyme of worthy memorie, the said Williame vnmyndfull of his treuth and promptit alledgeance, hes be the space of twa zeiris with the mair now bypast be the meanes of the same Castell raisit and continewit the said ciuile and Intestine weir agains our Royall estait & authoritie, To the disturbance of Christiane Religioun, the Lawis, policie, and haill commoun weill of our Realme, and reiecting the godlie pacificatioun quhilkis the cheif Nobill men & vthuris returning to our obedience hes resauit, procedis in contempteous rebellioun and weir, greitly annoying our Burgh of Edinburgh being the cheif sait of Justice, and doing besydis quhat in him lyis to procure and draw strangeris in this our Realme for suppressing of Religioun, our estait, and troubling the quyetnes of this haill Ile. And seing our principall Ordinance, Powder, Bullettis, and muntionnis ar detenit within our said Castell, and vsit and spent aganis vs and our gude subiectis, our sayd deirest sister hes bene ernistly requyrit be our richt traist Cousing James Erle of Mortoun Lord Dalkeith Regēt to vs our Realme and liegis and Nobilitie of this our Realme, for ayd and succouris of men, ordinance and munitioun, to the expugnatioun, assege, and recouerie of our said Castell. Quhilk scho hes fauourabillie & liberallie grantit, efter all gude meanis vsit to haue brocht the persounis being within our said Castell to our obedience be treatie, Bot the same contemptit be thame and reiectit, hes now preparit and causit put hir forces in full reddines to enter in this our Realme, to be fully employed for the mantenance and furthsetting of our Authoritie, in assegeing of our said Castell, that the same being recouerit, may immediatlie and indilatlie be delyuerit (with the ordinance, munitioun, Royal place, Jowellis, wardrop, and houshald stuf, and with the Registeris and recordis belanging to vs & our Crown) to vs and our said Regent in our name & to our behufe. And swa thairby peace restorit to our said Burgh of Edinburgh and our haill Realme in our obedience, without ony vther pretēse, meaning, or Intentioun in our said deirest sister, or in Schir Williame Drurie Knicht, Generall of hir saidis forces. COVR will is heirfoir, and we charge zow straitlie and commandis, that Incontinent thir our letteris sene ze pas & in our Name and Authoritie mak publicatioun heirof at the mercat Croce of our Burgh of Edinburgh, & all vther places nedefull, that nane pretend Ignorance of the same, or sinisterlie depraue and misreport our said deirest sisteris freindly and fauourabill Intētioun. And that ze command and charge all and sundrie our liegis, that thay and eucrie ane of thame thankfully ressaue the Generall of hir forces, and haill persounis being vnder his charge, and to schaw & gif to thame all fauour and gude intreatment in ludgeing, meit, drinke, & vtheris their necessaris vpon thair ressonabill charges, vnrasand the present prices in ony thing. And that nane tak vpon hand to do to thame or ony of thame harme, greif, iniurie, or vncurtesie in bodyis or gudes be word, deid, or countenance, vnder the pane of deid. Certifying thame that failzeis, they salbe repute and estemit as seditious and wicket Instrumētis, hinderaris of our seruice and obedience, fauouraris and partakaris with the declarit Tratouris and Rebellis being within our said Castell, and the pane of deid salbe execute vpon thame with all Rigour in exempill of vtheris. The quhilk to do we commit to zow coniunctlie and seuerallie our full power, be thir our letteris delyuering thame be zow dewlie execute and Indorsat agane to the berare. Geuin vnder our Signet at Halyruidhous the xiij. Day of Apryle, and of our Regne the sext zeir. 1573.

Per Actum Secreti Consilii.

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